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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EIND, NU

SUBJECT: BANANAS - DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING STANDARD FRUIT

1. GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA DURING A DISCUSSION JUNE 2, ADVISED THE AMBASSADOR THAT COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT ODUBER HAD INFORMED HIM PERSONALLY THAT "UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES" WAS THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT GOING TO PURCHASE THE HOLDINGS OF STANDARD FRUIT. ODUBER APPARENTLY INDICATED THAT FOR APPEARANCES SAKE IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO HAVE PRO FORMA NEGOTIATIONS CARRIED ON, BUT THAT NO PURCHASE OF THE STANDARD HOLDINGS WOULD BE MADE.

2. AT THE REQUEST OF THE HONDURAN GOVERNMENT, SOMOZA HAS HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH STANDARD FRUIT OFFICIALS REGARDING THE IMPASSE WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN HONDURAS AND STANDARD FRUIT IN HONDURAS. STANDARD FRUIT OFFICIALS WILL VISIT SOMOZA THIS WEEK FOR ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AND HAVE ALSO AGREED TO VISIT HONDURAS FOR DISCUSSIONS THERE.

3. SOMOZA HAD NOT IMPOSED ANY TAX ON BANANAS IN NICARAGUA AND

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